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SOME OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING The WOMAN of *Godlyman* In *Surrey.*

Made at *Guilford* on *Sunday, Nov.* 20. 1726.

TENDING

To prove her extraordinary Deliveries to be a Cheat and Impoſture.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

THE *following Sheets contain a ſhort, and fair, Narrative of the Obſervations I made at* Guilford, *concerning the Woman of* Godlyman *in* Surrey, *whoſe uncommon Deliveries are now become the general Talk of the Town. It is drawn up with all poſſible Candour; and the Facts, whether ſeen or tranſacted by me, faithfully ſtated, and*

altogether agreeable to the Report I had the Honour to make to his Majesty immediately upon my Return from thence. I had no Thoughts at first to appear with it in Print; but being call'd upon in so publick a manner, I could not, in justice to my own Reputation, deny that Gentleman as publick a Satisfaction. Let the Event of this Affair be what it will, I dare appeal to every judicious and impartial Reader, whether I had not sufficient Reason to suspect a Fraud and Imposture, and whether I could not upon very good Grounds venture to declare it openly, as I will not deny to have done. I was very much surpriz'd to find, at the latter End of the Narrative publish'd by Mr. St. André, *several Affidavits concerning me, and my Conduct at* Guilford; *none indeed tending to prove the Truth of what was attested in the Narrative itself, but all purely level'd at my Character and Reputation. By the following Account, which I do here most solemnly declare to be true in every*

every Particular, having aſſerted nothing therein, but what I can take upon me, *and what I my ſelf ſaw, heard, or tranſacted, it will appear, that it agrees in ſome Particulars with the Depoſitions mention'd above; but greatly differs in others. I muſt own, that it grieved me to find ſo many apparent Untruths therein ſwore to; ſeveral of which, for being too trifling, I forbear mentioning at preſent: But it is abſolutely neceſſary that I ſhould clear up two Points, upon which both the officious Gentlemen, who, out of a tender, though undeſerved, Regard for the Vindication of my Character, were pleaſed to procure the Affidavits aforeſaid, and to ſubjoin them to their Narrative, and upon which the Perſons that ſwore to the Truth thereof ſeem to have laid the greateſt Streſs of their Evidence. Theſe are,* I. *My telling Mr.* Tho. Howard, *That* I EXTRACTED the Loins and Inferior Parts of the Rabbet, *which I brought away from* Mary Toft, OUT OF THE UTERUS. II. *My Refuſal to* ſtay *at* Guilford, to take away the Reſt of

the Parts of the aforesaid Rabbet, *altho'* very much pressed *both by Mr.* J. *and Mr.* Tho. Howard. *As to the first of these two Points, which, in the Corrected Edition of the Narrative, was expressed in Capital Letters, it is so very absurd and ridiculous, that it scarce needs any Reply at all. Was I to grant, that I did make use of these very Expressions, which Mr.* Howard *swears I did, would it have done the Cause any good? Surely, it would be an inexcusable Presumption in me to imagine, that the Publick should believe a Thing, for no other Reason, but because I believ'd, and said so. I do not deny, but that at* Guilford *I behaved my self all along, like one who was perfectly satisfied of the Matter: I had very good Reasons for so doing; and was not ashamed to own it upon my Return. But as to the Terms in Mr.* Howard's *Affidavit, I do aver, that I never so much as thought of them, till I found them in Print. Having had no manner of Reason, no private Views,*

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nor indeed any Motive at all, that could induce me to diſguiſe my Conduct, I flatter my ſelf, that I ſhall be allow'd in juſtice, at leaſt ſo much Credit and Belief, as People can pretend to, who, when once concern'd in an Impoſture, will venture every thing to go through with it. As to the ſecond Point, My Refuſal to ſtay at Guilford, *till the Woman was deliver'd of the remaining Parts of the ſixteenth Rabbet, Part whereof I had extracted in the Morning, this is ſomething more material; and inſinuates plainly, as if the Rabbet, which I brought to Town with me, and which I had the Honour to ſhew to his Majeſty, and afterwards to ſeveral Perſons of Note and Diſtinction, was not come away from the Woman during my Stay at* Guilford. *There being no Mention made of this Particular in the Evidence of the Women, I will confine my ſelf to the Affidavit of Mr. John, and Mr.* Tho. Howard. *I do ſuppoſe, in the firſt Place, that theſe two Gentlemen*

made proper Allowances, for that the Exclusion of Mr. Brand, *whom Mr.* John Howard *would not suffer to come with me into the Patient's Room, depriv'd me of a proper Witness, to attest what past on both sides. This was most certainly a Hardship upon me, and, beyond all doubt, done with some sinister View. The Intention of these Affidavits, and indeed the necessary Consequences, evidently tending to an indirect Accusation, not only of a gross Imposture, for which, were I guilty of it, I ought to be severely punished; but, moreover, of a notorious Breach of Faith to the King my Master, for which I should deservedly incur his utmost Displeasure, my Honour and Reputation call loudly for Redress and Satisfaction, which I shall endeavour to obtain in the most publick and ample manner. I could, indeed, in my own Defence, previously insist upon the very Improbability of the Thing; I could alledge the Character of a Man of Honesty and Probity, which I*

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have hitherto bore, and hope to preſerve a-mong all thoſe I have the Honour to be ac-quainted withal, and which hath made me not unworthy to be employ'd in his Ma-jeſty's Service; but I ſhall purpoſely avoid theſe, and the like Proofs, being able to pro-duce others ſtill ſtronger, to evince the con-trary; I mean, the joint Evidence of Mr. Brand, *who was with me at* Guilford, *and Mr.* Ziegler, *who lives with Mr.* Jagers *the King's Apothecary, and who are both ready to atteſt upon Oath, the firſt, that in his Preſence Mr.* Howard *inform'd me of the Delivery of the Head; that I begg'd, and obtain'd it of him; that I put it up with the other Parts, and that I enquir'd after the Inteſtines and Feet: The ſecond, that on* Tueſday *Evening he deliver'd a Meſſage to me from Mr.* Howard, *informing me of the Delivery of the ſeventeenth Rabbet, and requeſting me to ſend back mine, being the ſixteenth, according to Promiſe. After all, if my Endeavours have been any ways ſer-viceable,*

viceable, to find out the Truth of this Matter, I ſhall think them well beſtowed; and as to the reſt, generouſly overlook the ſcandalous Aſperſions, and malicious Inſinuations of ſome Perſons, of whom I had no reaſon to expect ſuch Uſage.

CYRIACUS AHLERS.

POSTSCRIPT.

MOnſieur *St. André* having aſſerted in his Narrative (*pag.* 20.) that all the Facts, as by him there related, were verified before His Majeſty on *Saturday, Nov.* 26. Dr. *Steigerthal* and Dr. *Teiſſier* being preſent, I was deſired by Dr. *Steigerthal*, to inform the Publick in his Name, that he all along ſuſpected this whole Affair to be a Fraud and Impoſture, and was far from thinking the comparative Anatomy, which is there mention'd by Mr. *St. André*, any ways ſatisfactory to verifie his Aſſertions.

CYRIACUS AHLERS.

Decemb. 8. 1726.

SOME

OBSERVATIONS

CONCERNING

The WOMAN of *GODLYMAN*, &c.

ON *Saturday*, *Nov.* 19. 1726. I went, with his Majeſty's Leave, to *Guilford*, there to enquire into the Condition of the Woman, who was ſaid to have been delivered of fifteen Rabbets, and to inform my ſelf of all the Circumſtances of this uncommon Event, in order to make my Report to His Majeſty. I ſet out that Afternoon at

Four of the Clock, in Company with Mr. *Brand*, a Relation of Mr. *Jager*, the King's Apothecary. We lay at *Cobham*, and did not reach *Guilford* till *Sunday* the 20th, at Ten in the Morning. We took our Lodgings at the *White-Hart*, where we did not ſtay above a quarter of an Hour: For the Drawer, who ſaid, he was juſt come from Mr. *Howard*, informing us, that he was at Home, we went ſtrait to his Houſe. As we came in they told us, that he would be with us preſently; but about half an Hour after they ſaid, that he was gone to dreſs the Mayor of the Town. After we had been waiting full three quarters of an Hour, he at laſt came to us, dreſs'd in his Night-gown; and having been told by me, by whoſe Leave I came, and about what Buſineſs, he informed me in preſence of Mr. *Brand*, that the Woman had

had been already delivered of fifteen Rabbets, and was juſt now fallen in Labour of a ſixteenth.

We had been told at the Inn, that they heard Mr. *Howard* ſay, that the Rabbet had not been perceiv'd to leap, as it uſually did, for about ſix Hours; but Mr. *Howard* himſelf aſſur'd us, that it had left off leaping ever ſince *Saturday* Ten of the Clock in the Morning, and that he preſumed it muſt be dead ſince that Time.

Hereupon we went to the Woman's Lodging, which was over-againſt Mr. *Howard*'s Houſe, who would not ſuffer my Companion to come into the Room where the Patient was, for fear, as he ſaid, that too much Company ſhould frighten her; for which Reaſon alſo he order'd the Nurſe to ſee, that the Door might be well faſten'd, and to ſuffer no body to come in: Nevertheleſs, a

little while after, ſeveral Women went in and out, as they pleaſed. The Door being lock'd, the Nurſe told us, that theSkin dropp'd down from her juſt now. Mr. *Howard* thereupon examin'd the Patient, whom we found ſitting in a narrow Elbow-Chair. I was preparing to do the ſame; but was prevented by Mr. *Howard*, who ſaid, he would let me know when it was convenient.

The Nurſe, in the mean time, at our Deſire, ſhew'd us the Skin, laid in a Baſon. I touch'd it, and found it to feel ſomething warm, a little moiſt round the Border; but every where elſe dry; and the Hair appeared ſmooth and even. Upon unfolding it, I could diſcern ſome ſmall Blood-Veſſels on the inſide; but found not the leaſt Drop of Blood, nor any Appearance of Water or Membranes. It ſmelt very

very freſh, like the Skin of a wild Rabbet, juſt ſtripp'd. I asked Mr. *Howard*, how it was poſſible for the Rabbet to have been thus ſtripp'd of its Skin in the Woman's Belly; to which he anſwered, He apprehended, that it muſt be owing to the violent Preſſion of the Womb againſt the *Os Pubis*. The Patient, who continued all the while ſitting in her Elbow-Chair, with her Stays on, was now deſired by Mr. *Howard* to walk a little about the Room. I found her Pulſe very eaſy and quiet, without the leaſt Appearance of any feveriſh Diſorder: There was little or no Swelling in her Belly, which, I muſt own, ſurpriz'd me very much. I likewiſe examin'd her Breaſts, which I found relax'd, without any Hardneſs in the Glands, and no Milk in them; only upon ſqueezing, a little clear Serum came out, ſcarce enough to wet the

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tip of my Finger. I asked, whether the Swelling of her Belly had ever been greater: And was anſwered by the Nurſe, That all along it had been much at one; only that ſometimes a little Swelling was obſerv'd about the Stomach, which quickly diſappeared again. I ask'd the Patient herſelf ſome Queſtions; but could obtain no Anſwers from her: And Mr. *Howard* ſaid, he would take care to inform me fully of every Circumſtance relating to her Caſe. I obſerv'd her with ſome Attention, as ſhe was walking about the Room, and found that ſhe preſs'd her Knees and Thighs cloſe together, as if ſhe was afraid ſomething might drop down, which ſhe did not care to loſe.

Not long after ſhe pretended to fall in Labour, and behaved herſelf in the following manner: She ſtood with her Knees cloſe together againſt the Seat

Seat of an ordinary Chair, and holding the upper Part of it faſt with her Hands, ſhe began to ſquall and roar, and to move the upper Parts of her Body in a very ſtrange Manner, twiſting it from one ſide to another. I could not help wondering at her preſſing her Knees ſo cloſe together, and not chooſing rather to keep them aſunder, to make way for the Birth; but doubtleſs ſhe knew beſt, what Poſture was the moſt advantageous for her ſingular Delivery.

Mr. *Howard* and I, in the mean time, converſing together, and the Diſcourſe happening to turn upon Subjects, which made us laugh, the Patient laugh'd very heartily with us, which I thought ſo extraordinary for a Woman in her Condition, that I could not forbear looking at Mr. *Howard*, who, in her Excuſe, told me, that ſhe had

had an excellent Conſtitution, and did not matter her Labour-pains, as ſoon as they were over. Her Pulſe continued all the while pretty eaſy and quiet, excepting only, that when ſhe had been in Agitation for ſome time, it went a little quicker. She was now ordered by Mr. *Howard* to ſit down again in her Elbow-Chair, upon which he examin'd her, and ſat himſelf down oppoſite to her upon another Chair, in a Poſture which appeared to me very uncommon, and indeed not a little Suſpicious: He made her put her Legs between his, and with his Knees he preſs'd hers cloſe together. There was a ſmall Charcoal-fire lighted in the Room, and they were both ſitting hard by the Chimney, after ſuch a manner, that it was impoſſible for me to obſerve diſtinctly what they were doing, and in particular to mind the

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Motions of Mr. *Howard*'s right Hand. It was now about a Quarter before Twelve, when the Woman fell into freſh Labour-pains, beginning a-new to cry out very ſtrangely. Mr. *Howard* continued all the while to keep her Knees cloſe together; and holding his Head againſt hers, he took her Hands into his, whilſt ſhe ſtooping with her Head forwards, puſh'd her Back againſt the Back of the Chair with ſuch Violence, that I was forc'd to hold the Chair to prevent its going over. She repeated the ſame afterwards at two or three different Times. Thoſe Pains being gone off, Mr. *Howard* examin'd her again, and then ſuffer'd me to do the ſame, which accordingly I did. Upon touching her, I preſently perceived ſome broken Bones, and advancing with my Finger, I diſcover'd a

fleſhy Body, which with the Bones ſtood a little way out of the Orifice of the *Vagina*. The *Vagina* was ſtrongly contracted, cloſely embracing the Body, which preſented itſelf, and which I conjectur'd to be the hind Part of a Rabbet, ſtripp'd of the Skin. The extreme Dryneſs of the Parts, the ſtrong Contraction of the *Vagina*, and the Apprehenſion I was under, leſt the Fore-Part ſhould be in the ſame Condition with that I felt, made me proceed with ſome Caution, inſomuch that I reſolved rather to wait the Return of new Labour-pains, than by uſing any Violence, to tear and to injure the *Vagina*. Having retired for theſe Reaſons, Mr. *Howard* ask'd me, whether I would not extract it; and upon my anſwering, No, he offer'd to make it eaſier for me, pretending,

that his Fingers were ſlenderer than mine: Accordingly he examin'd her, and preſently deſir'd me to touch her again, which I did, and found the Body aboveſaid advanced a little way; but when I laid hold of it, the *Vagina* contracted itſelf ſo ſtrongly, that it ſnapp'd back again full the Breadth of a Finger. Upon this I would have deſiſted a ſecond Time; but Mr. *Howard* obſerving it, urg'd me in ſtrong Terms to proceed. So I took hold again, and to my ſurprize drew it out with all imaginable Eaſe. I found it to be only the hind Part of a Rabbet bent in a ſingular manner, and again without the leaſt Drop of Blood, or any Moiſture. I was in no ſmall Surprize at what I had hitherto ſeen and tranſacted; and being previouſly told by Mr. *Howard*, that the Head and ſecond Part

were ſtill behind, I would fain have examin'd her farther, to look for them; but Mr. *Howard* would not permit it, ſaying, That he would deliver her of what was left, himſelf; in order to which he ſat himſelf down before her in the Poſture above deſcrib'd. I was very much ſtartled at this; and the Woman ſoon falling into freſh Labour-pains, I very earneſtly renew'd my Inſtances; telling him, that to ſearch her now ſhe was in Labour, would beſt enable me to judge what Condition the Womb and its Orifice were in, and where the remaining Parts of the Rabbet lay. But he remain'd conſtant in his Denial, and with a ſudden high Colour in his Face, anſwer'd me, *By no Means*; alledging that Mr. *St. André* himſelf had examin'd her but twice, and that therefore I

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ought to be ſatisfied with having ex-tracted part of it my ſelf.

By this Time I began to conceive a violent Suſpicion of the whole Matter; but thought fit to conceal it, having reſolv'd to behave my ſelf all along, like one, who had no Reaſon to be diſſatisfied. Nay, I feigned a great Compaſſion for the Woman's Caſe, which gave Mr. *Howard* an Opportunity to repreſent to me, that I could not but obſerve, what pains he muſt have been at, and ſtill took, and what the poor Woman had ſuffered; and that he hoped His Majeſty would be ſo gracious, when all was over, as to give them a Penſion, there being many that had Penſions, who did not deſerve them. I promiſed him, that I would not fail in my Report to His Majeſty,

Majeſty, to remember them in the beſt Manner I could. The Woman having, in the mean time, overcome another of her pretended Pains, Mr. *Howard* examin'd her a good while; when of a ſudden ſtarting and making an Outcry, he aſk'd, *Did I hurt you?* And ſhe anſwer'd, *Yes.* A little while after new Pains following, Mr. *Howard* ſaid, he hop'd the remaining Part would now ſhortly preſent itſelf, wherein alſo he was not diſappointed; for not long after he deliver'd her of it, and preſented it to me. I found it to be the Fore-part of a Rabbet, looking a little redder than the hind Part, which I had brought away from her, otherwiſe without any Appearance of Blood and Water, ſomething warm to the Touch, and ſmelling very freſh like a wild Rabbet, ſtripp'd of its Skin

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but a little while ago. There was nothing remaining but the Head, Inteſtines, and Feet.

Much about this Time Mr. *Howard* was ſent for to Dinner; but I deſir'd that he would ſtay till the Woman was deliver'd of the remaining Parts, and then dine with me at the Inn, which he conſented to.

This gave me an Opportunity of ſending for my Companion, under pretext of ordering the Dinner; but when he came into the Room, I deſired him in *High-German*, to mind what Poſture both Mr. *Howard* and the Patient were in, being that above deſcrib'd, and then gave him, in *Engliſh*, Orders, to provide a Dinner for us. Having all along expreſs'd a great Con-

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cern for the Woman's Condition, Mr. *Howard* and ſhe, after ſome other Pains, and before the Delivery of the Head, laugh'd very heartily, as did alſo the Nurſe; tho' I did not ſee that they had any Reaſon for ſo doing, unleſs it was to divert themſelves with my feigned Compaſſion.

This Piece of Diverſion, and ſome other Pains being over, Mr. *Howard* deſir'd the Woman to lie down, which ſhe did accordingly, and was then to all Appearance pretty eaſy.

About Two of the Clock I aſk'd Mr. *Howard*, whether he would go to Dinner; but he ſaid, it was time enough; and that if we ſtaid a little longer ſhe would be, perhaps, deliver'd of the Head.

About half an Hour after (during which Time, Mr. *Howard* ſat by the Patient's Bed-ſide, and ſometimes ſupported her Knees) perceiving, that the Head was not in any forwardneſs, we went to Dinner. At Dinner Mr. *Howard* told me, that the Woman was a great Lover of ſalt Beef, and that with my Leave he would ſend her ſome; accordingly ſhe had a good Piece ſent her, tho' it happen'd to be pretty hard, and was very much ſalted.

We had not been long at Dinner, when Mr. *Howard*'s elder Brother, whom I had ſeen before in the Patient's Room, came in. I deſir'd him to ſit down with us; and the Diſcourſe quickly falling on the Woman's Caſe,

I renew'd my Promiſes to remember them all in my Report to His Majeſty. Soon after, Mr. *Howard*, Jun. being ſent for, went away, ſaying, he would come again preſently, leaving his Brother with me.

Altho' I at firſt intended to ſtay two or three Days, yet conſidering what had paſt, and reflecting in particular upon the repeated Denials of Mr. *Howard*, Jun. that I ſhould not examine the Patient any more, I found that it would be to no purpoſe to continue there longer.

However, I ſtill thought it beſt to conceal my Suſpicion, and therefore complain'd of a violent Head-ach, which, I ſaid, made me deſirous to return to *London* with all poſſible Speed.

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Accordingly I order'd the Coach to be got ready. Mr. *Howard*, Sen. continuing to keep me Company at Table, I could not altogether forbear dropping a few Words of the Surprize I was in, with regard, in particular, to the Dryneſs of the Woman's Delivery, and the Unwillingneſs of his Brother to let me touch and examine her, after the Delivery of the hind Part of the Rabbet, which I extracted my ſelf; but he anſwer'd, that he did not know what Reaſon his Brother had to deny me this Satisfaction.

Mr. *Howard*, Jun. not returning according to his Promiſe, I went ſtraight to his Houſe, with his Brother and Mr. *Brand*; but not finding him at Home, and being willing to give the Woman ſomething, we went up all

together to her Chamber, and found Mr. *Howard*, Jun. with her, who told me, as ſoon as we came into the Room, that he had juſt now deliver'd her of the Head ; which he gave me to feel, it being pretty duskiſh, and as yet no Light in the Room. It felt warm, and was a little Moiſt.

I forgot to mention, that before we went to Dinner, I deſir'd Mr. *Howard* to let me take the Skin, with the Fore and Hind-part of the Rabbet, along with me, to ſhew them to His Majeſty, which at firſt he would not conſent to : But having promiſed him that I would take care to ſend them back again, he permitted me to take them, and ſo I put them up in an Ox's Bladder, which I had ſent for, and turn'd the Inſide out. I now beg'd likewiſe

likewiſe the Head of him, and put it up with the reſt, in Preſence of Mr. *Brand*, who was this Time ſuffer'd to come in.

I then told Mr. *Howard* of my Intention to return to *London*, and gave the Woman ſomething. But before I went away, I deſir'd Mr. *Howard* to ſhew me ſome of the Things, which he had brought away from the Woman before. He produced ſeveral Pieces, which I look'd over in ſome haſte, being unwilling to ſtay much longer. However, I ask'd what was become of the Stomach and ſmaller Guts, to which he anſwer'd, that he did not mind and preſerve them. I likewiſe ask'd after the Guts and Feet of the Rabbet I was taking with me: To which he replied, that he fancy'd they were

were fallen to the Ground, and got under our Feet. He ſhew'd me among other Pieces, the Back of a pretty large Rabbet, wherein finding ſome Parts of the *Inteſtinum Rectum* remaining, with Pellets of hard Excrements in it, I deſir'd he would let me have one; upon which he took one out with a Pin, and preſented it to me in a Box, ſaying, that he had given the like to Mr. *St. André*, and Mr. *Molyneux*. He alſo read ſome Papers of his to me, concerning the Woman's Caſe, from the beginning of her Illneſs, which being pretty well known in Town, I did not much attend to. I took my Leave of the two Brothers, and left *Guilford* about Five in the Evening, with Mr. *Brand*. We lay at *Cobham*, and came to Town on *Monday* about One of the Clock, when I repair'd

pair'd forthwith to *Kenſington*, to make my Report to His Majeſty by Word of Mouth.

Before I proceed to the Deſcription of the ſeveral Parts of the Rabbet, which I took along with me, it may not be amiſs to take Notice, that on *Tueſday* Evening, being at Mr. *Jager*'s Houſe, Mr. *Ziegler*, his Man, who had been at *Guilford* that Day, deliver'd a Meſſage to me from Mr. *Howard*, to let me know, that ſince my Departure ſhe had been deliver'd of another, and that he believ'd, ſhe would have no more. He withal deſir'd me, as ſoon as poſſible, to ſend back the Rabbet, according to my Promiſe; which I would have certainly done, if I had not receiv'd Commands not to part with it till further Orders.

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For the Satisfaction of the Publick, I will here ſubjoin the Anatomical Deſcription of the ſeveral Parts of the Sixteenth Rabbet, which I brought with me to Town.

THE Skin, as it lay extended, was eight Inches long, and four and a half broad, where broadeſt, unequally torn with many Holes up and down, and ſeveral Pieces of Fat, particularly about the Extremities.

The Head was four Inches and a half long, from the Noſe to the Extremity of the Ears, and cover'd with the Skin, all over, except a ſmall Bit, which ſhould have cover'd part of the lower Jaw, but was tore off.

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The firſt *Vertebra* of the Neck was luxated, and the Muſcles about it lacerated; but the third *Vertebra* was cut in the Middle; the tranſverſe Proceſſes between the firſt and third *Vertebra* broke off, with the Muſcles round it, the Marks of a ſharp Inſtrument appearing very plainly.

The Fore-part was two Inches three Quarters along the Back-bone; there was ſome part of the Abdominal Muſcles left, which I found ripp'd open lengthways: The *Diaphragm* was in its proper Situation, cloſing the Cavity of the *Thorax*; but I found it neceſſary to open it, to look for the Heart and Lungs, which I did in Preſence of Dr. *Steigerthal*. I found the *Foramen Ovale* as yet open; and having took the Lungs out and laid them in Water, they ſwam on the Surface; there was

ſome part of the *Œſophagus* left, moſt of the Ribs were broke along the *Vertebræ* of the Back on both Sides, and ſome of them in two Places, and the Muſcles about the Fractures lacerated; the Ligaments of the *Vertebræ* were very much diſtended, and the *Spina Dorſi* itſelf broke in two Places. Some of the external Muſcles were likewiſe tore, and the right *Scapula* a little ſeparated from the Ribs: Part of the right Fore-leg was broke off, and the Remainder of the *Ulna* and *Radius* ſtood out in two large Shivers; the Muſcles thereabouts were tore. On the left Side, the *Radius* and *Ulna* were entirely wanting, and even the lower Part of the *Os Humeri* cut off, with ſome ſharp Inſtrument, as it appeared very plain.

Two

Two of the falſe Ribs were left with the *Vertebræ* of the Loins, which were very viſibly cut off from the firſt, with a ſharp Inſtrument, and all the Ligaments of the *Vertebræ* very much relaxed, that it was no difficult Matter to bend it; there was a good Part of the Abdominal Muſcles left with this, and they had been cut tranſverſely. All the Abdominal Contents were wanting, except the Urinary and Parts of Generation, with about two Inches of the *Inteſtinum Rectum*. I found ſeveral Pellets of hard Excrements, two of which I took out, in Preſence of Mr. *Amyand*, and obſerv'd ſmall Bits of Hay, Straw and Corn in them; ſome Fat appeared in ſeveral Parts; the *Tibia* of the right Hind-leg was cut off near the Articulation, with the Bones of the *Tarſus*, and a ſmall Bit of

of Skin was left there. There w
likewiſe Part of the left Leg chopp
off, juſt a-croſs the Bones of the *Ta*
ſus; the Tail was entire, ſomewhat
bove two Inches long, and almoſt co
vered with the Skin.

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